

As a rule, children on admission are kept in bed for the first few days and carefully watched. Then, if after examination they are found in a fit condition, they are allowed up at first in lounge chairs on the terrace, and gradually, as health improves, play, exercises, and school duties are engaged in.

Special attention is paid to the care of the mouths and teeth of the children. On admission in many cases the dental condition is far from satisfactory. Each child is provided with a tooth-brush, and its proper and diligent use is insisted upon.

In regard to the sanitary precautions, Dr. Kelynack points out that a properly conducted sanatorium is one of the healthiest of places. Every effort is taken to ensure the strictest hygienic care in the case of every patient. If there is any expectoration it is collected, disinfected and burnt, so that there is no possibility of risk of infection from this source. All infective material is at once destroyed. As far as possible fresh clothing is provided for new patients, so that the risk of any infection being introduced with the wearing apparel is reduced to a minimum.

As to results, considering the severity, extent, and long duration of the disease in a considerable proportion of the cases, Dr. Kelynack reports that the results must be considered not only very satisfactory, but in many instances little less than remarkable, and no death has occurred during the year.

In conclusion, he states that a word of recognition and praise must be given for the loyal and skilful work of Sister Emma Goodin and her staff of Sisters and co-workers. The success of a sanatorium depends upon its staff; sanatorium treatment without the sanatorium spirit exemplified in the life and practice of its workers, is a mockery and must fail. The splendid results attained at Harpenden are mainly due to the ceaseless energy and indefatigable industry of those who have thought, planned, and laboured.

SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The Annual Meeting will be held on June 7th at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandos Street, W. Mrs. Walter Spencer kindly invites the members to tea at 2, Portland Place, after the meeting.

Dr. L. Frazer-Nash has kindly consented to give a lecture on "Hæmorrhage," to the members of the Trained Maternity Nurses' Association, at their offices, 33, Strand, W.C., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 4 p.m.

THE NURSING CONFERENCE.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26th.

SESSION I.

Space forbids us to do more than refer briefly to the papers and addresses on the afternoon of Friday, April 26th, when Dr. Jane Walker occupied the chair.

MODERN METHODS OF TREATMENT IN TUBERCULOSIS

were interestingly dealt with by Dr. Esther Carling, Maitland Sanatorium, Peppard.

THE WORK OF THE MODERN NURSE AND MIDWIFE IN EUGENICS.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby, F.R.S. (Edin.) gave a most inspiring address on the subject of Eugenics, which he said was derived from a Greek word signifying well-bred. In the application of eugenics to the human race there are, he said, many formidable and unique difficulties, for man cannot be dealt with as if he had no freewill. In certain directions the eugenic ideal can be attained negatively rather than positively, and is based partly on heredity, or nature, and partly on nurture.

Many stages have to be passed through before the individual reaches full development, and environment is proportionately important. To improve social conditions it is necessary to go back not only to the infant, but to the expectant mother.

Dr. Saleeby advocated the establishment of a Listerian Order for doctors and nurses, who perpetuate the principles of Lord Lister. He urged the necessity of taking care of the birth-rate we have got. We should see in every mother the Madonna, and in every child the incarnation of the Divine.

In reply to a question, Dr. Saleeby emphasised the wisdom of Sir James Paget's advice, "keep every thing alive."

THE INSURANCE BILL AS IT AFFECTS NURSES.

A medical man, lecturer for the National Insurance Commissioners, whose name the Chairman declined to give to a representative of this journal, saying that he did not wish it to be known, spoke on the National Insurance Act, but did not throw much additional light on the subject. In regard to the position of nurses and midwives, he said that these questions were still under the consideration of the Commissioners. The details remain to be settled, as conditions vary so much under different circumstances. The Commissioners would, he said, be glad to receive representations. (As, however, the organisations of nurses have been denied the representation on the Advisory Committees granted to other classes of workers, there seems no reason for individuals to go out of their way to furnish this information.)

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